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SUBJ: MALCOLM MACDONALD VISITS TANZANIA

1. MALCOLM MACDONALD, FORMER UK SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA RESIDENT IN NAIROBI, MET MARCH 26 WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND FONMIN MALECELA. UK HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER SAID THAT ACCORDING TO MACDONALD SESSION WITH NYERERE, WHICH WAS NOT ATTENDED BY UK HIGH COMMISSIONER KELLAS, WENT VERY WELL. OFFICER DESCRIBED UK- TANZANIAN RELATIONS AS " SWEETNESS AND LIGHT" IN WAKE OF MACDONALD VISIT. NYERERE REPORTEDLY AGREED TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED PROPERTIES PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY UK NATIONALS. MACDONALD EXPECTS TO DEPART MARCH 28 FOR NAIROBI.

2. COMMENT: UK HIGH COMMISSIONER KELLAS' RELATIONS WITH SENIOR GOT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE HIS ARRIVAL. PROBLEM IS BASICALLY ONE OF COMMUNICATION WHEREIN TANZANIANS HAVE DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING KELLAS WHO, IN TURN, REPORTEDLY FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND TANZANIANS. FOR THIS REASON, MACDONALD WAS ASKED TO MAKE SPECIAL TRIP TO TANZANIA IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN LUCIDLY UK POLICY TO NYERERE. THAT HE MET NYERERE UNACCOMPANIED BY KELLAS INDICATES SEVERITY OF COMMUNICATION GAP.

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